

Scrutiny for Policies Children and Families Committee Work Plan 2022 - 2023

Overarching themes	Committee meeting dates / proposed agenda items	Lead Officer/Item Lead
12 December @ 1 pm		
Universal Education	Education Strategy for Somerset – progress update	Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker ITEM DEFERRED
Universal Education	LA Maintained Schools – core offer / traded offer – Business Case	Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker
Social Care and commissioning	Somerset Connect and links to the Frome LCN development	Assistant Director Commissioning Richard Selwyn, Strategic Manager, Vikki Hearn and Strategic Manager Public Health, Patsy Temple
	Task and Finish Groups – verbal update (a) Sufficiency of external placements (b) Home to school transport	
Items for Information – Standing Item	Items for Information: (a) 2022 key Stage assessment results – correspondence sent to the Leader Somerset County Council on 14 November and Response received on 15 November 2022; (b) Somerset Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report 2021 – 22 - circulated on 15 November 2022 (c) Peninsula Fostering Framework Agreement - Decision taken on 16 November 2022 – circulated on 21 November 2022	
16 January 2023 @ 1 pm		
	Scrutiny update on Ofsted Action Plan	Acting Assistant Director Community and Strategy, Paul Shallcross

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	Return Home Interview process and progress		Lise Bird, Head of Service, Prevention
	Task and Finish Groups – update and reports (c) Sufficiency of external placements (d) Home to school transport		
Workshop	Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) - Trauma Informed Somerset practice model and implementation		Vikki Hearn, Joint Strategic Commissioner Children's and Health Mark Conway – CAMHS (or colleague) Jo Leak, Public Health Tim Cockerill, Principal EP
Items for Information – Standing Item			
<i>Cross cutting</i>	<i>Budget items – Medium Term Financial Planning (MTFP) 2023-24 Joint Scrutiny Meeting of Scrutiny Committees - 1 February 2023 @ Canalside</i>		
Joint meeting with Adults & Health Scrutiny – date to be confirmed			
	Draft Integrated Care Strategy		Maria Heard
	Self-harm / mental health issues		
6 March 2023 @ 1 pm			
SEND & Inclusion	SEND Local Area Inspection Response to SEND Green Paper – and policy proposals		Assistant Director Inclusion Dr Rob Hart
Universal Education	Children missing out on education (numbers, who, reasons) Education Strategy and detailed 2022 key stage assessment results		Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker
Universal Education	Provisional – Academisation – progress update		Assistant Director Education Partnerships and Skills Amelia Walker

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Workshop - to be scheduled		
Universal Education	The disadvantage gap - what we know and options to address, to include health impact of inequalities in education	Public Health, SEND, social workers, case studies, wider health organisations, FSM and pupil premium data

Items to be scheduled / recommendations for Scrutiny Forward Plan
Evaluation of the West Somerset Opportunity Area – to be scheduled

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Universal Education

- Pupil place planning
- Disadvantage gap
- Academisation
- LA maintained capacity and support

SEND and Inclusion

- Attendance
- Written Statement of Action
- Response to SEND & Alternative Provision Green paper
- SEND Strategy

Social Care and Commissioning

- Family safeguarding
- Early Help
- Placement sufficiency
- Strategic partnership
- The Care Review

Cross-cutting items:

- Long-term financial planning that improves outcomes for children (MTP)
- Involving young people and the community in scrutiny
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing (with health partners)
- Medium Term Financial Plan (MFTP) – Children & Families Budgets

Note: Members of the Scrutiny Committee and all other Members of Somerset County Council are invited to contribute items for inclusion in the work programme. Please contact Fiona Abbott, Democratic Services (01823) 357628 & democraticservicesteam@somerset.gov.uk who will assist you in submitting your item.

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